ORLANDO, Fla., May 23 (AP)—F. Lee Bailey, the trial lawyer, appeared before a United States magistrate today on mail-fraud charges and asked to be tried separately from co-defendant Glenn W. Turner, an Orlando businessman.

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Appearing for a preliminary hearing, Mr. Bailey also asked Magistrate Donald Dietrich for a speedy trial, saying: "No matter what other business may be pending, this action is the most important part of my life today."

Magistrate Dietrich set a tentative trial date for Sept. 10.

Mr. Bailey's lawyer, William Colson of Miami, said the request for a separate trial was made to avoid compromising the Mr. Turner's and Mr. Bailey's client-attorney relationship.

Mr. Bailey is the Boston attorney who helped Dr. Sam Shepherd win reversal of a conviction for killing his wife and represented Albert DeSalvo, the man who claimed to be the Boston Strangler. He is accused of appearing in allegedly misleading filmed promotions of Mr. Turner's Dare To Be Great motivational course. course.